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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: AHA/AWH '78, ANAHEIM,
CA, SEPT. 11-14

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1. AUSTRIAN FEDERAL MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR. INGRID LEODOLTER, HAS
ACCEPTED EMBASSY INVITATION TO ATTEND AMERICAN HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN HOSPITALS CONGRESS
IN ANAHEIM. MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTRY
CONSULTANTS DR. MANFRED KUNZE AND MR. FRANZ BALKOWITS
(SEE ALSO LAST PARA THIS CABLE FOR BACKGROUND).

2. MINISTER'S TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING
MADE BY WAGONLITS COOK AGENCY IN VIENNA. FOLLOWING ARE
DETAILS OF TRIP KNOWN TO EMBASSY THUS FAR:

-- A. TRAVEL ITINERARY: SEPT. 9: ARRIVE LOS ANGELES
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16:10 HRS VIA TWA 761 FROM LONDON. SEPT. 14: DEPART
L.A. 21:45 HRS VIA LUFTHANSA 451 FOR FRANKFURT, FRG.

-- B. LODGING: WAGONLITS COOK THUS FAR HAS NO
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR HOTEL IN ANAHEIM. EMBASSY MAY
HAVE TO REQUEST COMMERCE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING SUITABLE
SPACE.

-- C. SCHEDULE WHILE IN LOS ANGELES/ANAHEIM AREA:
MINISTER LEODOLTER WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY DR. KELLNER,
AUSTRIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN L.A. GROUP WILL ALSO HAVE
RENTED CAR WAITING AT AIRPORT. WE HAVE IMPRESSION,
HOWEVER, THAT CAR WILL BE USED ONLY FOR LOCAL TRANS-
PORTATION, THAT GROUP DOES NOT INTEND TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE
L.A. AREA. MINISTRY OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT MINISTER
IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN AHA/AWH CONGRESS.

3. REQUEST THAT USDOC LOS ANGELES DISTRICT OFFICE
PROVIDE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

-- A. MEET MINISTER AND AIDES ON ARRIVAL L.A. AIRPORT
AND EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. DISTRICT OFFICE
SHOULD CONTACT DR. KELLNER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
AND/OR COORDINATION.

-- B. ACCORDING TO DR. KUNZE, MINISTER HAS ALREADY
VISITED DISNEYLAND, AND DOES NOT CARE TO REPEAT VISIT.
SHE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE ADVANCE RESERVATION OF
THREE TICKETS TO A CONCERT OR OTHER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
IN LOS ANGELES.(COMMENT: AGAIN, WE SUGGEST CONTACT WITH
DR. KELLNER TO PRECLUDE ANY DUPLICATION.)

-- C. MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING TWO-
HOUR VISIT TO A LEADING HOSPITAL IN L.A. AREA, WITH VIEW
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TO DISCUSSING, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, PATIENT ADMINISTRATION,
COST ACCOUNTING, USE OF EDP EQUIPMENT, AND USE OF
COMPUTERS IN DETERMINING AVAILABLE BED SPACE IN THE
VARIOUS HOSPITALS. REQUEST USDOC ARRANGE SUCH VISIT.

-- D. DR. LEODOLTER ALSO MUCH INTERESTED IN A VISIT
(NO MORE THAN TWO HOURS) TO A CALIFORNIA HEALTH PLANNING
AGENCY OFFICE IN THE L.A. AREA WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY
FOR BOTH URBAN AND RURAL AREAS. (COMMENT: CONTACT FOR
ALL ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS ONCE GROUP HAS ARRIVED IN L.A.
WILL BE DR. KUNZE, A YOUNG MEDICAL DOCTOR WHO SPEAKS
ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH LOS ANGELES/
ANAHEIM AREA)

4. EMBASSY CONTACT FOR TRAVEL IS COMATT N. C. LABRIE.
5. BACKGROUND: MINISTER LEODOLTER WAS BORN AUGUST 14,
1919 IN VIENNA. OBTAINED MEDICAL DEGREE 1943, AND
SUBSEQUENTLY SPECIALIZED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE. IN 1958
BECAME HEAD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE WARD OF A VIENNA
HOSPITAL AND IN 1962 WAS PROMOTED TO MEDICAL CHIEF OF
SAME HOSPITAL. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FROM OCTOBER
1971 - JANUARY 1972, AND MINISTER SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF

MINISTRY ON JANUARY 21, 1972. DR. LEODOLTER HAS
PUBLISHED OVER 40 SCIENTIFIC PAPERS. MARRIED IN 1939.
SHE AND HUSBAND, A VIENNA MUNICIPAL COUNCILOR, HAVE TWO
SONS, BOTH IN MEDICAL PROFESSION. SHE REPORTEDLY
SPEAKS AND READS ENGLISH WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. EXPRESSIONS
"MINISTER LEODOLTER" "MADAM MINISTER" AND "EXCELLENCY"
ARE CORRECT FORMS FOR ADDRESSING DR. LEODOLTER IN
ENGLISH. BORG

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